

Also, in the meeting was discussed the problem that is present in the Bedford-Pine Urban Renewal area. Extreme dilapidation of some of the vacant houses was discussed versus the probability of the Housing Authority acquiring these properties at once or else allowing the Building Department to move under it's In Rem procedures. It was discussed that Mr. Openshaw would at once prepare the list of houses considered unfit and "ripe" for demolition to be made and request be made to H.U.D. for permission to spend money on appraisal of these properties for early purchase by the Authority, possibly from the contingency funds set up in the financing of the Bedford-Pine Project. It was decided that the Building Department and the Housing Authority would work closely together in this endeavor to reach some conclusion officially before the early summer.

Another very important point was brought out in this meeting regarding planning phases in Vine City and in East Atlanta during 1969. Mayor Allen was not by any means agreeable to relaxing Housing Code enforcement in either of these areas. He even stated that in Vine City that we had done practically nothing in the last three years. This was discussed very thoroughly and it was decided that someone from the Housing Authority, possibly Mr. Wally Screws; and someone from the Building Department, possibly myself, should get together and formulate what would be an acceptable common sense method for handling Housing Code information when an area such as these two is in the planning phase. I suggested that possibly we could use a proposed policy and procedure suggestion which pertains to Model Cities operation, and this was well received although no special or particular comments were made on this line, other than this.

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